(b) if so, whether the Government propose to include the New Bombay telephones into Bombay Telephone Circle;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir. However a Linked Numbering Scheme has been introduced recently for Bombay and New Bombay.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The present status of Bombay and New Bombay as two distinct local exchange systems with their own local areas is in conformity with the existing policy of the Department.

Anti-Indian Utterances by the Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan

4994. SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of certain anti-Indian utterances by the Chief of the Army Staff of Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The former Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan had from time to time, made statements suggesting, inter-alia, that India might start a conflict with Pakistan.

(b) Government have made it clear to Pakistan that such baseless and hostile statements, designed to meet extraneous propaganda purposes only serve to increase tensions and are not conductive to creating an environment in which meaningful steps can be taken for normalising relations between the two countries.

Sharing of Expenses by States on Army Deployment

4995. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a scheme providing for the sharing of the expenses incurred on the deployment of Army by the concerned States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Pak Spy Ring in Kutch

SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI JANARDAN MISRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Govern-